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FOR ANDERSON FROM HARE

1. TV -- IN COMPETITION WITH WHITE HOUSE TRANSCRIPTS, SECRETARY'S ALGERIA STOPOVER DID NOT EVEN PLACE. NONE OF THE NETWORKS CARRIED OUR TRAVELERS ON FILM ON TUESDAY EVENING NEWS PROGRAMS. CROWKITE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED AN EARLIER KALB RADIO SPOT REPORTING ISRAELI READINESS "TO MAKE A MAJOR CONCESSION."

2. RADIO -- FOLLOWING KALB AND ANDERSON REPORTS FROM ALEXANDRIA REPRESENTATIVE OF TRIP COVERAGE CARRIED ON RADIO WEDNESDAY MORNING.

(A) KALB (CBS) -- KISSINGER SEEMS OBLIVIOUS TO THE TURMOIL OF TODAY AS HE WENT SIGHT SEEING IN THIS CITY RICH WITH TOURIST WONDERS. A ROMAN AMPHITHEATER, ROMAN BATH AND A MUSEUM CROWDED WITH STATUES OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT, BY POPULAR LEGEND THE FOUNDER OF THIS CITY. BUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS CLEARLY MARKING TIME, WAITING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF HIS TALKS LATER TODAY WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, WAITING FOR SOME OF THE DIPLOMATIC PIECES TO FALL INTO PLACE.

A HIGH EGYPTIAN SOURCE TOLD ME THAT KISSINGER ALREADY HAS 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE DISENGAGEMENT DEAL WRAPPED UP, THE ISRAELIS ALREADY HAVING GIVEN HIM THEIR UNOFFICIAL /SUB-

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ANCES THAT THEY WILL PULL BACK FROM ALL THE LANDS TAKEN DURING THE 1973 WAR, SOME OF THE LAND TAKEN DURING THE 1967 WAR AND THE KEY DISTRICT CAPITAL OF KENIETRA. BUT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THREE STRATEGIC HILLS TO THE WEST OF THAT CITY AND THE SYRIANS ARE DEMANDING THEM BACK. AFTER HIS TALKS HERE KISSINGER LEAVES TOMORROW MORNING FOR ISRAEL, THE DAY AFTER THAT FOR DAMASCUS, AND THEN THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE SECRETARY WILL RETURN HERE THIS WEEKEND BEFORE RESUMING HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.

(B) ANDERSON (GROUP W NEWS) -- THIS MAY DAY IN EGYPT, PRESIDENT SADAT IS A CONVINCING DISPLAY OF BEING IN TOTAL PERSONAL AND POLITICAL CONTROL OF HIS COUNTRY. HE TOOK TIME OUT FROM HIS TALKS IN ALEXANDRIA WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO TALK TO A MAY DAY RALLY. HIS PICTURE, HIS POLICY AND HIS NAME TOWER OVER ALL IN ABOUT THE WAY NASSAR ONCE DID. IN ONE NEWSPAPER, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE SEVEN PHOTOGRAPHS, EACH OF THEM ARE SADAT. ONLY HIS PHOTOGRAPH IS TO BE SEEN AT THE MAY DAY RALLY; NOBODY ELSE.

SADAT HAS JUST REORGANIZED HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE PURPOSE AND THE RESULT APPEAR TO BE A GREATER CONSOLIDATION OF HIS POLICY AND POWER. HE HAS TRULY USED THE OCTOBER WAR AND THE EVENTS THAT FOLLOWED TO INCREASE HIS DOMINATION. AMONG THOSE EVENTS ARE A SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS REPORTED MILITARY COUP ATTEMPT, ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTED BY LIBYA. IT SERVES TO ILLUSTRATE THAT EVEN NOW THERE ARE THOSE WHO OPPOSE SADAT'S POLICY OF REGAINING EGYPTIAN TERRITORY AND PRESTIGE BY JUDICIOUS USE OF FORCE AND REASON. IN HIS FOREIGN POLICY SADAT HAS CAREFULLY AND DELIBERATELY CULTIVATED U.S. SUPPORT TO BREAK THE SOVIET MONOPOLY IN THE ARAB WORLD AND SO FAR IT HAS PAID DIVIDENDS IN THE FORM OF REGAINED LAND, THE CLEARING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND A PROMISE OF WIDER INFLUENCE IN THE ME AND THE WORLD.

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